

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Destruction of agriculture crop by Wild Pigs - Need for culling - Proposal to empower Panchayat Raj Institutions to permit culling - request to notify Gram Sarpanch as Honorary Wildlife Warden – accorded – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.11

Dated:26-01-2021.

Read:-

From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.51282/2009/WL-2,  
Dated:16.11.2020 received on 25.01.2021.

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In the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal to appoint the Gram Panchayath Sarpanch as a Honorary Wildlife Warden under the Section 4(1)(bb) of WLPA, 1972 for the purpose of issuing permission for culling of Wild Pigs damaging agriculture / Horticultural standing crops outside the Protected Areas and Reserve Forest areas and to authorize the Chief Wildlife Warden to delegate his/her powers to Honorary Wildlife Wardens under Section 5(2) of WLPA, 1972 to the Gram Panchayath Sarpanches, who are appointed as Honorary Wildlife Wardens under Section 4(1)(bb) of WLPA, 1972 to permit to hunt Wild Pigs under Section 11(1)(b) of WLPA, 1972 which have become dangerous to human life and property, outside the Protected Areas and Reserved Forests subject to compliance with certain conditions.

2. After careful examination of the proposal, Government hereby appoints the Gram Panchayath Sarpanch as a Honorary Wildlife Warden under Section 4(1)(bb) of WLPA, 1972 for the purpose of issuing permission under Section 11(1)(b) of WLPA, 1972 for culling of Wild Pigs damaging agriculture /Horticultural standing crops outside the Protected Areas and Reserve Forest areas and also authorize Chief Wild Life Warden to delegate his/her powers to Honorary Wildlife Wardens under Section 5(2) of WLPA, 1972 to the Gram Panchayath Sarpanches, who are appointed as Honorary Wildlife Wardens under Section 4(1)(bb) of WLPA, 1972 to permit to hunt Wild Pigs under Section 11(1)(b) of WLPA, 1972 which have become dangerous to human life and property, outside the Protected Areas and Reserved Forests subject to compliance with the procedure laid down as under:

- (i) The Sarpanch has to take action only on the written complaint of the farmers and no action should be taken without a written complaint.
- (ii) After receiving the written complaint, the Sarpanch along with village elders and farmers will visit the location for investigation, assess the situation and draw a Panchanama. If the situation warrants hunting of Wild Pigs, the recommendation to that affect shall be mentioned in the Panchanama.
- (iii) The Sarpanch will then, as per the powers vested in him by the Chief Wildlife Warden order, issue permission to hunt Wild Pigs in the said area.
- (iv) For the purpose of hunting, the Sarpanch shall take the services of the hunters who are in the panel of shooters prepared by the Telangana Forest Department or any other hunter available at the village / mandal / district concerned, who has a license for possession of fire arms. The person identified shall be an expert shooter and own a rifle powerful enough and capable of killing a Wild Pig.

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- (v) While hunting the Wild Pigs permitted by the Sarpanch, care shall be taken by the shooters to ensure that no other animal, human beings are killed or injured and no human property is destroyed or damaged. The Wild Pigs which are damaging agriculture/ Horticultural standing crops only shall be hunted. No Wild Pigs in Protected Areas, reserved forests areas and other Government lands shall be hunted.
- (vi) A copy of the permission given by the Grama Sarpanch to hunt Wild Pigs specifying the numbers shall be provided to the FBO / FSO/FRO concerned.
- (vii) The disposal of the carcass of Wild Pigs so hunted will be done after completing a Panchanama by the Sarpanch and burying them under the ground in presence of the forest staff of the area. One of the signatories of the Panchanama for disposal of Wild Pigs killed will be the forest staff of the area. A copy of Panchanama will be submitted to the Forest Range Officer immediately. No part of the hunted Wild Pigs like meat, skin, tushes, trophy etc. will be used by any person.
- (viii) The FRO shall furnish information on the Wild Pigs killed in his area every month to the DFO/FDO concerned, who in turn shall submit report to Chief Wildlife Warden.
- (ix) The responsibility for casualties and loss, human or property caused knowingly or unknowingly in connection with the shooting of Wild Pigs shall only be on the person / persons who is / are shooting the Wild Pigs. The Forest Department shall not be responsible for the same.
- (x) The powers delegated by the Chief Wildlife Warden to the Grama Sarpanches to permit hunting of Wild Pigs shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue of the order.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

Dr. RAJAT KUMAR,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (I/c)

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) &  
Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.  
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SECTION OFFICER.